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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A laminate sheet comprising:
a long release sheet;
an adhesive layer ~~formed on~~ in continuous contact and coextensive with the release surface of the release sheet;
a base material having a first surface and a second surface, the first surface being opposite to the second surface, the first surface being ~~formed on~~ in continuous contact and coextensive with the adhesive layer opposite to the long release sheet; and
a protective material provided longitudinally on and in continuous contact with a generally peripheral portion of the second surface of the base material, wherein the peripheral portion corresponds to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer.

2. (Currently amended) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, ~~wherein~~ wherein thea central portion of the adhesive layer in the widthwise direction thereof is the principally used portion of the adhesive layer, while the protective material is provided on ~~the both sides of the second surface~~ of the base material in the widthwise direction thereof.

3. (Currently amended) A laminate sheet comprising:
a long release sheet;
an adhesive layer ~~formed on~~ in continuous contact and coextensive with the release surface of the release sheet;
a base material ~~formed on~~ being in continuous contact and coextensive with the adhesive layer opposite to the long release sheet; and

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a protective material provided longitudinally on and in continuous contact with a generally peripheral portion of the back surface of the release sheet wherein the peripheral portion corresponds to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer.

4. (Currently amended) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3~~+~~₁

wherein ~~the~~_a central portion of the adhesive layer in the widthwise direction thereof is the principally used portion of the adhesive layer, while the protective material is provided on ~~the~~ both sides of the back surface of the release sheet in the widthwise direction thereof.

5. (Withdrawn) A producing method for a laminate sheet comprising the steps of;

laminating a long release sheet, an adhesive layer and a base material in this order;

laminating, at any step, a protective sheet on the surface of the base material or the back surface of the release sheet; and

dividing the laminated protective sheet into a portion corresponding to a principally used portion of the adhesive layer and a portion corresponding to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer, and removing the portion corresponding to the principally used portion of the adhesive layer to form a protective material.

6. (Withdrawn) A producing method for a laminate sheet comprising the steps of;

laminating a long release sheet, an adhesive layer and a base material in this order; and

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providing, at any step, a protective material on a portion of the surface of the base material or the back surface of the release sheet wherein the portion corresponds to a portion other than a principally used portion of the adhesive layer.

7. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein, when the laminate sheet is wound into a roll, the protective material serves as a spacer between the base material and the long release sheet.

8. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective material has a band-like shape and a uniform width.

9. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective material has a shape with an edge adjacent to the principally-used portion.

10. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein one of the release sheet and the base material is a light-release sheet and the other is a heavy-release sheet.

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11. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 1, wherein a thickness of the protective material is between 5 μ m and 100 μ m.

12. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein, when the laminate sheet is wound into a roll, the protective material serves as a spacer between the base material and the long release sheet.

13. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the protective material has a band-like shape and a uniform width.

14. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein the protective material has a shape with an edge adjacent to the principally-used portion.

15. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein one of the release sheet and the base material is a light-release sheet and the other is a heavy-release sheet.

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16. (New) The laminate sheet as set forth in claim 3, wherein a thickness of the protective material is between 5 μ m and 100 μ m.